

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Shilling Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Spessard Farm				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Trovinger Mill Road and Leitersburg Road (Md. Rte. 62)				
CITY OR TOWN: Chewsville				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Katherine E. Shilling and Paul Shilling				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Chewsville		STATE: Maryland		21721
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF OEEOS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 316/371, 315/640				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located near the intersection of Trovinger Mill Road and Leitersburg Road (Md. 62) in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated in a low area over a spring and faces north.

The structure is a two-and-a-half story, three-bay stone dwelling covered with a coating of stucco or "rough cast." There is no decorative work associated with the exterior of the house. It is constructed with its cellar above ground at all but the front or north wall.

Windows do not appear to have been placed in the walls with any great concern for uniformity or symmetry. The openings are generally small in relation to the wall area. The windows at the main stories contain six-over-six pane double-hung sashes held within narrow frames. Six-light openings are present in the attic and cellar levels. Most first story openings are flanked by paneled shutters while others have louvered shutters.

The main entrance is located in the east bay of the north gable end. The door is placed adjacent to a window and is framed very simply. A narrow transom is located over the door. Other doors located in the east wall at the cellar level have massive wooden frames.

The roof is covered with grey asphalt shingles terminating with a plain barge board set against the end walls. The eaves are finished with simple boxing. Large brick chimneys rise from inside each gable end.

A date stone set in the north gable end carries the inscription "Rebuilt by John Spessard, 1862."

Just east of the house is a one-story, three-bay stone structure which has been enlarged with a frame addition at its east wall. Earlier in this century, the building was used as a dairy. Built of rubble field-stone, the structure has wide wooden window and door frames and an inside end chimney of brick.

North of the house is a large stone end bank barn. A date stone in the peak of the east gable is said to be inscribed with the date 1786 and the initials J.R.

The house is in excellent condition with the other buildings in fair to good condition. The property contains 85.03 acres.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Rebuilt 1862 (date stone) Barn: 1786 J.R.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Since the house was rebuilt in 1862, its original architectural value has been somewhat diminished. However, much earlier work may remain within the structure. Constructed of stone, the dwelling is an example of Washington County's early vernacular architecture. The barn and stone out buildings are outstanding examples of early stone structures.

According to local historians, the property was originally owned by Jacob Rohrer. In 1822, the farm was purchased by John S. and Michael F. Spessard.

For additional historical information pertaining to this and other properties in the Chewsville election district, contact Howard L. Spessard, 911 View Street, Hagerstown, Maryland.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 85.03 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey	DATE:
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex	
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

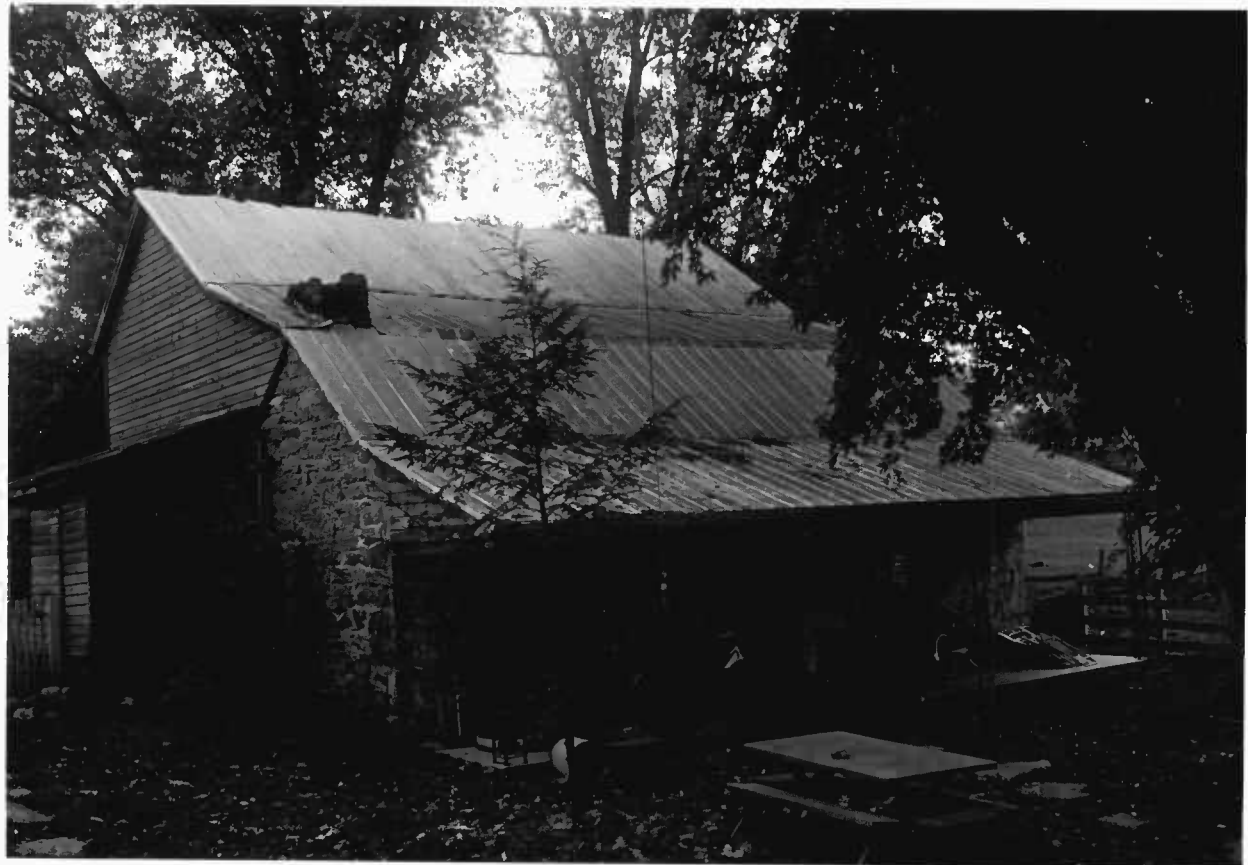
Signature _____



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OUTBUILDING

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